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"One Day The Plane Ticket Will Be One-Way."----*California Lifestyle Saying*

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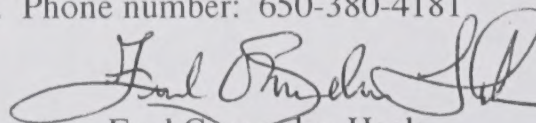
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is an election year for the Northern California Numismatic Association and individual members and member Coin Clubs will be receiving N.C.N.A. Election Ballots around August 2016. We are asking our membership to seriously consider running for a vacant office position. We expect up to two vacancies on the Board this year. I will not be running for re-election as President! I have served as Association President for 4 terms (8 years), and I believe that is an all time record for holding this office. Additionally, I have served in all other Association positions, except Treasurer, for at least one term. It is time for change in our Association leadership and it is also time for me personally to reduce my involvement in numismatic organizations. Since I retired three years ago, numismatic responsibilities have restricted time I need for family affairs and our ability to go on extended trips. My wife and I need to fulfill some of the dreams and wishes we saved for when we retired, and these are things one must do while we are healthy and physically able.

To date we have not received any nominations for the **2016** "Ron Miller Award", and I would like to remind all that nominations are due before the end of June 2016. Additionally, I would like to again remind members that the N.C.N.A. Board of Directors has established the "Gordon Russell Donnell Award". This award will consist of a bronze medal with an image of Gordon on the obverse and a blank reverse, suitable for engraving the award recipient name. These medals are now available for distribution based on request by member Coin Clubs. This award is somewhat unique for the N.C.N.A., as it will be offered to N.C.N.A. member Coin Clubs (Max. 2 per year), to recognize "their" Club members who hopefully share the enthusiasm, ideals and numismatic spirit as exemplified by the late Gordon R. Donnell. This may be a very attractive way to recognize Coin Club members who have made significant contributions to the benefit of member Clubs or to our hobby in general.

Included with this and all issues of "Heads and Tails", is the updated N.C.N.A. Coin Show listing. This is provided as a service to our members. If your Coin Club has a Coin Show, please contact me as soon as possible to be included in our listing. Local Coin Clubs, along with State and national numismatic organizations often depend on income from their Annual Coin Shows for a majority of their operating budgets. Additionally, youth programs, coin hobby promotion events, journals and Club bulletins and educational programs to support our coin collecting hobby are often all dependant on funds generated by Coin Show activities.

Please Note: Commercial Shows are now allowed on our Show List, provided that the show promoter is a N.C.N.A. member. As such, the member is allowed to list one Show per year. Additional shows may be listed but will require a \$15 payment per Show listed. Your N.C.N.A. Board is hopeful of additional innovative initiatives to improve the services we provide our hobby. I can be contacted via e mail: fredvdh@gmail.com, or by writing to P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. Phone number: 650-380-4181.


Fred G. van den Haak
May 2016

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

Greetings!

This NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, May 2016, marks the milestone of thirty-five (35) years that Your Editor has edited and published NCNA HEADS AND TALES, starting back in April 1981.

The world has spin many times in the past three and half decades, and the world, and us, has witnessed changes, some good and some, well, not so good.

When NCNA HEADS AND TALES began, the only products offered by the United States Mint, reluctantly, were annual sets, restricted to a maximum of five per household, and medals. Now, the United States Mint, in a cliché, is the world's largest coin dealer. Back in the early 1980s, our Association hosted one of the major national coin shows, attracting dealers----*"the seldom seen"*, to paraphrase our Founder, the late Denis N. Hooker----from around the entire nation at the legendary then named Jack Tar Hotel. Today, the Jar Tar, later renamed Cathedral Hill Hotel, is gone, replaced with a hospital expansion, and our Association, sadly, has not sponsored a coin show in years. When Your Editor began his 'baby steps' in creating the first issues of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, it was typed----*real old-fashioned typing*----on an Underwood Upright Manual Typewriter! As this issue is being prepared, it is on a desk top PC, and that is already outdated! In 1981, one of the strongest coin club plus most important local coin shows was the now defunct Napa Valley Coin Club, which could attract a monthly attendance in excess of one hundred! The last time this Club met was in 1999. It is gone.

One could ramble on and on, and the theme would be the same: *'Change'*.

Yet, through these past thirty-five (35) years, the endurance, the continuum, remains our hobby, *'this world of money'*. Our hobby remains: providing fellowship, comradeship: opportunity to being like and kindred hobbyists together, and education and enhancement of one's understanding of the world and history. These assets----*and these are 'the jewels' of our hobby*----endure and continue.

Little of what is editorialized here shall remain and quickly be buried into the local recycling collection within a few days or even quicker, a few hours.

But, our hobby----*'this hobby of kings and king of hobbies'*----persists through whatever has happened and shall happen.

On Highway 37, at Lakeville Road intersection, there is a large billboard sign promoting the well-known northern California contractors, the Ghilotti Brothers, and it reads 'Through Seven Wars, the Great Depression, and the Great Recession, Quality Endures'.

Closing, to paraphrase this billboard, and to commemorate, this Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary, 1981—2016, the liberty taken will be to alter 'quality' with 'numismatics': *'Numismatics Endures'*.

Rappelez-vous, amusez-vous avec vos Loisirs! Servez toujours les autres! Profitez de votre collection! Et, creer de l'espoir et de faire le bien! (Practicing My Learning French!)

Third Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
Saturday, September 17, 2016
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
734 Marin, at Capital in downtown Vallejo, California
Registration Opens: 9:00 AM
Theme: *'The Future of Our Hobby'*
(Or, *'The Future of Hobbies'*)
FREE ADMISSION and Museum Open To All Attendees
Door Prizes, Too!

Our Association is proud to announce and to report the following presenters at this year's Seminar:

Scott D. English, *Executive Director, American Philatelic Society (APS)*

Serge Pelletier, *of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA), with*

Steve Woodland, *of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA)*

Charmy Harper, *'The Penny Lady'*

Steve Price, *of Stacks/Bowers, and*

Jeff Shevlin, *'So-Called Dollar Guy'*

This impressive line-up will share their respective observations and opinions as what numismatics, and the larger realm of collectibles, may transition and evolve in the coming years and decades, particularly with changing demographics, aging collecting populations, economic uncertainties, and such. In short, most all NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers comprehend that our *'world of money'* hobby----as well as our brothers and sisters with *'stamps'* and other collectibles----has changed since the supposed halcyon days of the 1950s through early 1970s. There has been enough commentary in national numismatic media and among many coin hobby advocates to confirm these observations and opinions.

Therefore, the year's Seminar seeks to be *'crystal ball'* and *'see faintly into the unknown'* and provide some provocative and constructive insights. The balance and diversity of the six presenters should offer a good appraisal and, hopefully, optimism for numismatics as a sustained hobby enjoyment.

2016 Seminar

Continuing, attempts and invites to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) headquarters resulted in declines and disinterest, while well-wishes were offered. Thus, on a whim, an invitation was extended to the young, energized, and sharp new Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society (APS), the world's largest and among the oldest stamp organizations.

Scott considers this an opportunity to broach collaboration and cooperation between 'coins' and 'stamps', which he believes have much in common and confront the same issues: declining membership, disconnect between the organized hobby (clubs and associations), and perception of a 'old folks past time', to cite a few commentaries.

With our two Canadian devotees, this would add an international viewpoint, and both **Serge and Steve** are quite intense and dedicated to enhancing and advancing numismatics within Canada and now across the border here in the United States. This would be there first trip and visit to California.

Charmy and Steve Price, needless to say, would provide the professional and commercial ('coin business') viewpoint, and **Jeff**, as the past American Numismatic Association (ANA) Executive Director, certainly can give some candid thoughts.

In short, the all-day Seminar shall be informative and thought provoking.

In addition, there would be an on-site simple lunch service, as well as several eateries within comfortable walking distance. Door Prizes would end the day's events, and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Library, housed in the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, would be open. Admission to the Museum that Saturday is FREE.

2016 Seminar Pre-Registration

To know in-advance who might be attending, a 'pre-registration form' has been included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue. Complete and mail directly to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**'. Registration is FREE, and walk-ins that Saturday morning are also welcomed.

Those pre-registering would be have prepared name badges, and entered into a drawing for Silver Eagles, three to be drawn and given away.

2016 Seminar Patron

An event as this year's Seminar is expensive and requires financial support. Therefore, the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from 2014 and 2015 is continued, as follows:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted In Seminar Engraved '<i>Token of Esteem</i>'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program

**Letter Acknowledgement
Certificate
Name Posted In Seminar**

Mail remittance, with preferred name, directly to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'**.

'Matching Grant'

An anonymous 'Benefactor' and longtime advocate for our '*world of money*' has offered **to match every GOLD MINER 'Patron', at the \$100.00 level, with an additional \$100.00, making each 'Gold Miner' contribution worth \$200.00!**

The only stipulations are that it is for the 'Gold Miner' level and payment must be credited and paid by the end of August 2016.

All 'Patrons' would be mailed appropriate acknowledgement letters, and our Association is a bona fide non-profit 501c corporation.

Your consideration toward being a Gold Miner 'Patron' would be appreciated. **Thank You.**

2016 Miller Medal

Written nominations for this year's coveted '*Miller Medal*' are due by, and postmarked no later than, June 30, 2016. This is mandatory.

A summary of service and factors for the nomination needs to be legible and current. Mail directly to **President Fred G. van den Haak** at **'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'**.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member), is available.

Written requests, with specifics and proper full name as well as date of presentation, mail to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'**. A nominal free-will donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation charges.

The '*Donnell Award*' is limited to a maximum of two (2) per calendar year per each Club Member.

Inquiries can be contacted at EMPERORI@juno.com.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of your Association's services is the Coin Show Schedule, a service dating back into the 1960s. Club Members may request reasonable complimentary copies for distribution, with, at least, depending on the date or request, fifty (50) copies provided and mailed in gratis.

The effectiveness of this Coin Show Schedule is depending upon the timely submission of show information to **President Fred G. van den Haak** at fredvdh@gmail.com.

More specifics are given at the top of the current 'Coin Show Schedule' on the last pages of this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue.

2016 Election

2016 is the biannual election for your Association's five Executive Officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Individual Members, current and 'in good standing' with 2016 dues paid, may contact **President Fred G. van den Haak** as to their respective interest in serving the Association.

If a ballot is ordained, it would be mailed sometime later September 2016; if there are no contested offices, than a 'single white ballot' would be casted by the Secretary.

Other Positions

Along with the five elected positions, there are, presently, four appointed positions: Editor, Awards Coordinator, Seminar Coordinator, and Coin Show Schedule Coordinator.

The Association's Webmaster, '**Doctor**' **Lloyd G. Chan**, is the 'joint Webmaster' for the combined site, www.solanocoinclub.com, with our Association, Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, and Vallejo Numismatic Society, each sharing in the costs and fees.

Courtesy for the California State Numismatic Association

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as an attachment, is an 'Appeal Form' from our compatriots and fellow sojourners in our Golden State's organized numismatics, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).

Since NCNA Individual and Club Members may also hold CSNA Membership, as a gesture of support, NCNAers are welcomed to consider a donation to our fellow brethren.

CSNA has a long distinguished presence here in The Golden State, and seeks to serve the hobby via its two annual Symposia, a fine Library, and resurrected 'stand a-lone' convention, now planned for Arcadia, California this December 2016.

Enclosures

Reminder: This May 2016 NCNA HEADS AND TALES has three (3) separate enclosures:

- ** Seminar Pre-Registration Form**
- ** Seminar 'Patron' Flier, and**
- ** California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 'Appeal Form'**

JUST THE FACTS, PLEASE

Event: Third (3rd) Annual California Numismatic Seminar
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Venue: Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
Heritage Theater, *Second Floor*
734 Marin Street, *at Capital*
Vallejo, California

Admission: FREE, with ample free parking and convenient access.

Theme: *'The Future of Our Hobby' (Or 'Future of Hobbies')*

Presenters: **Morning:**

Scott E. English
American Philatelic Society (APS) Executive Director

Serge Pelletier,
Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA)
and

Steve Woodland,
Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA)

Afternoon:

Charmy Harker, *'The Penny Lady'*

Steven Price, *Stacks-Bowers*

Jeff Shevlin, *'The So-Called Dollar Guy'*

Information: Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)
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707-246-6327

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- June 18-9, 2016 **MODESTO**. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin & Collectibles Expo, Clarion Inn Conference Center, 1612 Sisk Road, Modesto. Bourse; Dan Brown, SCCC, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, Ca. 95353, Phone: 1-800-471-2319 ext. 1.
- July 30-1, 2016 **FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 44th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Aug. 7, 2016 **FAIRFIELD**. Fairfield Coin Club 27th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission \$2, \$1 with flyer or card!** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 567-6938, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
- Sept. 17, 2016 **VALLEJO**. The 3rd Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Six speakers have been Scheduled: Serge Pelletier (RCNA, Canada), Steven Woodland (RCNA, Canada), Scott English, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, Charmy Harker, "The Penny Lady", Steven Price (Stacks-Bowers) and Jeff Shevlin ("So-Called Dollar Guy")
Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com. Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Sept. 18, 2016 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 5th Annual Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551.

- Sep30-Oct1, 2016 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento 95834. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday 10AM to 6PM and Saturday 10AM-4PM. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Phone: 916-204-5168. Ample Free parking. **Admission \$3, Under 18 FREE.**
- Oct. 7-9, 2016 **WALNUT CREEK.** Diablo Numismatic Society. 20th Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show, Elk's Lodge 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek. Diablo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522. Website: diablocoinclub.org Bourse: James Laird (925) 200-2276. Hours: Friday 1-6PM, Saturday 10AM-6PM and Sunday 10AM-5PM. **ADMISSION \$3.**
- Oct. 15-16, 2016 **STOCKTON.** Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
- Oct. 22-3 2016 **FRESNO.** Fresno Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno 93702-2320. Bourse Chair: Richard Hunter, Phone: 559-738-8128 **ADMISSION \$2.**
- Nov. 6, 2016 **SAN JOSE.** Peninsula Coin Club 37th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
- Nov. 5, 2017 **SAN JOSE.** Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com